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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY NICO HUEBNER RELEASED JULY 10

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EMBASSY BERLIN IS REPORTING SEPTTEL
ON JULY 7 SENTENCING OF NICO HEUBNER. WE WILL ALSO BE
SENDING SEPTTEL COVERING WEST BERLIN REACTION TO THE SENTENCING.
THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS STATEMENT WRITTEN BY HUEBNER AT
BEGINNING OF 1978 BUT FIRST PUBLISHED ON JULY 10 IN DIE WELT.
STATEMENT WAS RELEASED BY WEST BERLIN WORKING GROUP FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS (FORMERLY CALLED SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS)
WHICH APPARENTLY HAD PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH HUEBNER TO RE-
LEASE STATEMENT FOLLOWING HIS SENTENCING.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. HUEBNER'S STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS
IN INFORMAL MISSION TRANSLATION. BEGIN TEXT.

IN MY OPINION THERE ARE SOME POLITICIANS TODAY IN
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THE FRG WHO NEITHER DEFEND GERMAN CITIZENSHIP AGGRESSIVELY
FOR ALL GERMANS NOR WISH TO PUBLICLY DISCUSS VIOLATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE GDR. THEY SAY, IT ONLY WOULD BE DETRI-
MENTAL TO THE PEOPLE IN THE GDR AND TO DETENTE.

I DO NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON DETENTE, BUT WANT TO SAY
SOMETHING ON WHETHER PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON VIOLATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD HARM CITIZENS IN THE EAST. IT CANNOT

BE EMPHASIZED OFTEN ENOUGH THAT IT IS FULLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE SED (GDR SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY; I.E., COMMUNIST PARTY) NOT TO CALL AN INJUSTICE INJUSTICE ANY LONGER. IT (THE SED) WANTS TO REDUCE PEOPLE DEFENDING THEIR RIGHTS TO SILENCE AND ISOLATE THEM.

IT DOES NOT HARM US IN THE GDR, BUT ON THE CONTRARY HELPS US WHEN THE WEST PUBLICLY TAKES A POSITION. WE ARE IN NEED OF INFORMATION FROM THE WEST AND ALSO ITS MORAL SUPPORT. THERE CANNOT BE ANY COMPROMISES IN THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN ADDITION IT IS A GREAT DANGER FOR THE PLURALISTIC SYSTEM, IF THE PRESS IS CHALLENGED TO VOLUNTARY CENSORSHIP BY POINTING OUT THAT IT MAY POSSIBLY HARM THE CITIZENS OF THE GDR. THE PUBLIC MUST NOT BE DECEIVED. GDR CITIZENS ARE ALSO GERMAN NATIONALS AND HAVE A RIGHT TO BE INFORMED ON THEIR OWN PROBLEMS.

THE WESTERN PRESS SHOULD MOTIVATE POLITICIANS MORE THAN EVER BEFORE TO TAKE UP POSITIONS, SO THAT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE CALLED BY THEIR TRUE NAME AND WILL NOT BE CONCEALED BECAUSE IMPLEMENTING HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE FIRST CONDITION FOR DETENTE. AND DETENTE IS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE. IT DOES NOT SERVE THE PEOPLE, HOWEVER, WHEN PEOPLE IN THE EAST ARE FORGOTTEN IN THE COURSE OF DETENTE AND RESOLUTIONS OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ABSICHTSRESOLUTIONEN), OR WHEN DETENTE MEANS SIMPLY KEEPIN QUEIT. END TEXT. GEORGE
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